

# City of Wells Nevada Street Sweeper

**Outline Of Need:** The City of Wells approached USDA Rural Development about funding for a new street sweeper to replace an old one that broke down frequently.

**How Rural Development Helped:** The USDA Rural Development office in Elko NV worked with the City of Wells to develop their application for a new street sweeper. A \$120,000 loan and a grant of \$15,000 were provided to assist in the purchase of the equipment.

**The Results:** With the commitment of USDA Rural Development funding, the City of Wells purchased a new mechanical street sweeper that came equipped with water to use in minimizing dust when cleaning streets. This also eliminated the need for a separate water truck being used while performing this work. Wells receives substantial amounts of snowfall in the winter, so the purchase of the truck helped the city comply with regulations that require the removal of sand or salt within 48 hours of being applied – this results in maintaining the air quality in the community.

After the community was struck by a severe earthquake in February, 2008, the street sweeper was used to assist in cleaning the streets of a large of amount of dust, crumbled bricks and other small debris. By replacing their old sweeper that was prone to breakdowns and that could not be serviced locally, they were able to put it to immediate use and helped the community in its clean-up efforts.

